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STICKER SHOCK

CITY PULLS PLUG ON TEEN'S DESIGN AFTER POSSIBILITY OF GANG SIGNS ENTERS THE FRAY





Jessica Loor and attorney Blake Horwitz address the media Wednesday about the allegations of gang signs in the Chicago city sticker design her son drew.
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Chicago Tribune

A 15-year-old boy will lose the honor of seeing his city sticker design adorn Chicago windshields amid questions about whether the artwork contains gang symbols, City Clerk Susana Mendoza said Wednesday afternoon.

At a City Hall news conference, Mendoza said she made the decision to change the design.

The boy's artwork shows four hands reaching upward toward symbols of Chicago police, firefighters and paramedics. But Mendoza said the position of the hands "could be misinterpreted" as gang signs.

The city instead will use a design by Caitlin Henehan, a senior at Resurrection High School and the first runner-up in the city's contest. It depicts a firefighter, police officer and paramedic as superheroes.

Mendoza said it would not have been fair to allow the boy to redesign his sticker art to change the position of the hands because other entrants would not have gotten the same chance. She said no decision has been made on whether the 15-year-old boy will be asked to return the $1,000 bond he won.

Hours earlier, the boy's mother fought back tears as she denied the allegations. Since they became public Tuesday, the boy has suffered anxiety attacks and couldn't sleep last night, according to his mother and their lawyer.

"I am very upset. I feel very upset that something so positive could be so negative," Jessica Loor told reporters crammed inside a classroom at Lawrence Hall Youth Services, where the boy attends school. "I feel there's a lot of haters. They can make anything out of anything."

After a popular police blog raised questions about the artwork, the city clerk's office decided to consult with gang experts to see whether the city should stick with the winning entry. The office prints the city stickers and sponsors a contest among students to draw the winning design.

Attorney Blake Horwitz, who is representing the boy's family, demanded an apology from Jody Weis, the former Chicago police superintendent and now president of the Chicago Crime Commission, who said Tuesday that the hands in the drawing seemed consistent with gang signs.

"Now this is a bunch of nonsense being blown way out of proportion," said Horwitz, describing the boy as a "special needs" child who is on the honor roll.

The boy won the annual contest, in which hundreds of Chicago high school students submit drawing to become the basis of the stickers that get displayed for a year on more than 1 million auto windshields in Chicago.

Former top cop's response

Jody Weis, a former police superintendent who is now president of the Chicago Crime Commission that puts out a handbook on city gangs, said he initially saw the imagery on a BlackBerry and didn't think it looked like a gang sign. But later, when he blew up the picture on an iPad, he could see it much clearer and he changed his mind.

On Wednesday, Weis said the configuration of the hands, the heart and the placing of the hands atop the heart are all consistent with symbols of a particular gang. "If you look at all of that, you're fighting a battle of perception, not intent, because we'll never know what was in this young man's heart," he said. TRIBUNE

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I'd like to toast the Second City for snatching sixth place on Forbes magazine's list of most miserable cities in the U.S.

Up one spot from No. 7 since last year. Congrats, everyone! Nice work! Gotta give it up for Chicago!

We're miserable? So what!? Hell, say it loud and say it proud! Can someone get me a bottle of 312 up in here, 'cause I am so gonna drink to that!

OK fine, so our spring lasts about five minutes and our winters go on for about 15 months, plunging us into temperatures so cold they make you wanna cry—like real, begging-for-death kind of crying. Yes, we have massive traffic congestion, potholes, parking tickets, tolls, high murder rates, gang crime, political corruption, long commutes, unemployment problems and the highest sales tax rate in the country. Blah, blah, blah. Whatever. Fine. Miserable.

That's only one ranking.

Let us not forget that in 2006, Men's Fitness gave us the title of fattest U.S. city (sausage, anyone?), but it looks like we've lost weight since then. This year we made it to lucky No. 14 on the Travel + Leisure rudest city rankings. (Congrats to rude New Yorkers for pushing their way to first place! Just goes to show that hard work truly pays off.) And just last week, a story posted on **fark.com** listed four Chicago neighborhoods among the country's 25 most dangerous. Props. To. Us.

Which city besides Chicago would have scored No. 4 on GQ's worst-dressed list last year? Oh, so you like to wear jackets, fleece and down coats? Good, 'cause you'll need at least seven of 'em to live here. We're just fashionable like that. And guess who holds the title for the most mustache-friendly city? Oh yeah, this city right here, baby!

Here's the thing: If by "miserable" Forbes means we still eat a hot dog that fell into traffic while hustling from the train to the bus stop (utilizing the 5-second rule because our streets are damn clean), then yeah, we're miserable.

If by miserable they mean the city is electric when there's a big game (and yeah, Jay Cutler does kinda look miserable all the time), then fine. We're miserable.

And if by miserable they mean we don't have to deal with threatening floods, wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters and instead have the beauty of a glimmering lake, street fests, beaches, boats, skyline, sunrises and sunsets along an 18.5-mile lakefront, then yeah, life here is just pure misery.

So if this is one of the worst cities in the country, then fingers crossed that next year we earn the No. 1 spot for being the most miserable. Let the rest of the country think Chicago and its surrounding areas are terrible. After all, we're just looking out for No. 1.

Plus, no one from Forbes even bothered to interview me for the story.

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CORRECTION

The 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will take place Oct. 7. An item on Page 3 on Tuesday listed the incorrect date. The story also listed the incorrect length of a marathon. It is 26 miles and 385 yards.

STATUS UPDATE

There never is a shortage of opinions in Chicago. Here are a few reactions to Wednesday's news on RedEye's Facebook wall.

"I like bacon, not bacon stuff. I'm drawing a line at shakes."



—**Daniel Schell**, on Jack in the Box's announcement of a bacon milkshake

"OH, GANG SIGNS ON THE VEHICLE STICKER? ISN'T IT JUST LIKE SOCIETY TO PICK EVERY LITTLE THING APART?"

—**Mitch Gawlik**, on the city sticker design that was scrapped Wednesday



"And that is the reason why I want to move out of Wicker Park. Big ruiners!!"

—**Matt Pope**, on The Atlantic saying the neighborhood Chicagoans want to live in the most is West Town/Wicker Park

"She has an agenda. They have agenda. They have different views. No hate, just opposition."

—**Anthony Trendl**, on Ellen DeGeneres and the group One Million Moms, which opposes JC Penney's use of the gay spokeswoman



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Summer commutes could really start to suck



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The planned construction on seven North Side Red Line stations will no doubt have riders seeing red.

The CTA said it may have to close the affected stations for days at a time, reroute trains overnight and on the weekends and create slow zones to work on the tracks.

The agency said it wants to start rehab work as soon as possible, but the bulk of it may come in the summer—when traffic for the Red Line is high because of Cubs and Sox games and other events.

The Red Line is the backbone of this city. In 2011, it saw more average weekday riders than the Brown, Green, Pink, Purple and Yellow lines combined.

The line has been plagued with problems for months. Twenty percent of its track is mired in slow zones as of Tuesday.

Just last week, service was delayed because of problems with the third rail on the southern portion of the Red Line.

In the summer, Red Line trains are tough enough to ride because of game day crowds. Imagine how difficult it will be to get to a game with extra slow zones from construction.

And don't forget about the Gay Pride Parade, which winds through Boystown in June, and other events. Easy weekend trips downtown to visit museums may not be so easy during this project.

Train riders, it's probably time to start getting acquainted with the bus schedule.

A CTA official said this work is important to keep stations "safe and dry," but these will not be major face-lifts.

The updates, which include waterproofing and platform repairs, are not sexy. Riders may not even notice some of the changes.

The stations that are not accessible for people with disabilities will not become accessible through this project.

This work will just be a temporary fix, and when the CTA pulls off the Band-Aid next year—or in five years—to do more rehab, riders will no doubt get to see red again.

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Red Line Grand stop
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STATION UPGRADES

Seven stations along the north branch of the Red Line will be part of a $57.4 million project starting this summer. Additional evaluations of north branch stations also are under way, as is a study of the proposed 5½-mile, $1.4 billion extension of the south end of the Red Line.

SOURCE: CTA TRIBUNE

RED LINE ALERT

NORTHERN CTA STATIONS ARE IN FOR A $57.4 MILLION TOUCH-UP THIS SUMMER

Chicago Tribune

The CTA is targeting the worst of the worst.

Seven of the most shabby, leaky and all-around bad rail stations on the Red Line's north branch will be part of a $57.4 million face-lift project starting this summer and running through early next year, under a contract the CTA board approved Wednesday.

CTA President Forrest Claypool called the seven North Side stations—Jarvis, Morse, Granville, Thorndale, Berwyn, Argyle and Lawrence—"the worst stations we have."

The Bryn Mawr and Sheridan stations may be added to the fix-it list later, depending on funding, Claypool said.

Wilson, another long-neglected station, is in a different category, because it has been pegged for a total reconstruction as part of a transit-oriented economic development project in Uptown.

The federally funded face-lift that Chris Bushell, the CTA's chief infrastructure officer, outlined Wednesday will include waterproofing, tuck-pointing, and installing new windows, doors, ceilings and floors on the seven station houses; improving lighting; repairing or replacing platforms; and shoring up crumbling viaducts and embankments. Installing elevators to make all the stations wheelchair-accessible is not part of the short-term project, Bushell said.

Some stations will be closed for up to 40 days to accommodate the work, officials said, adding that a schedule has not been established.

Face-lift surgery doesn't last long before things start to sag and crease again. That's why the CTA board on Wednesday also approved a separate agreement with Goldman Sachs and other financial advisers to explore alternative ways, including public-private partnerships, to help pay for a complete modernization of the Red Line/Purple Line corridor for all stations north of Belmont Avenue. All stations then would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Goldman Sachs also would help line up financing for the proposed Red Line south extension to 130th Street.

The seven stations that will be rehabbed this year by Kiewit Infrastructure Co. eventually would be torn down and rebuilt with larger platforms and modern amenities, officials said. But some stations, possibly including Jarvis, Thorndale and Lawrence on the Red Line and Foster Street and South Boulevard in Evanston on the Purple Line, could permanently close under options the CTA is considering for its multibillion-dollar Red-Purple modernization program. Alternate access at nearby stations would be provided, officials said.

CTA officials said they would prefer to do station improvements right the first time. But with more than $5 billion in capital improvement needs on the Red Line alone it's not an option, and the seven decrepit stations cannot remain open safely without at least some Band-Aid fixes, officials said.

The urgent improvements planned at the seven stations "allow us to keep them safe and dry" until reconstruction can be scheduled, Bushell told the CTA board.

The CTA has presented to the public several scenarios for ground-up reconstruction of North Side rail stations and tracks, from north of Belmont through Evanston, at preliminary cost estimates ranging from about $2 billion to more than $4 billion. Two public hearings were held this week on the latest plans being considered.

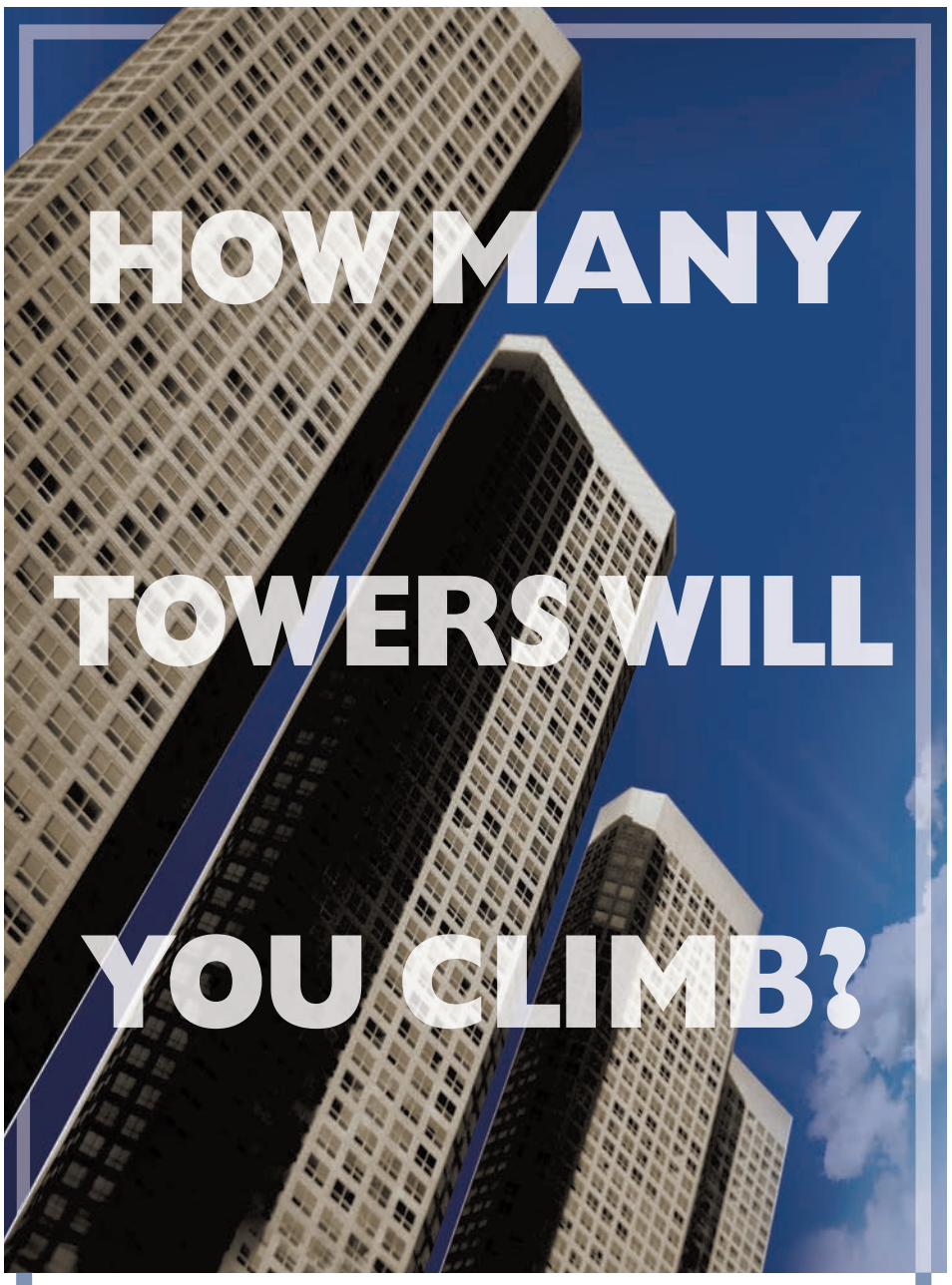
In addition to possible station closings, the CTA is studying whether to designate the Loyola station for transfers between the Red and Purple lines and whether to build a rail bridge for Brown Line trains to cross above the other rail lines at the Belmont station, which is a frequent choke point during rush hours.

CTA planners also are weighing an option to make the Wilson station a transfer point between Red and Purple line trains. More public meetings will be held to collect public feedback, officials said.

Meanwhile, the Goldman team's financing evaluation also will encompass the planned southern extension of the Red Line by 5 1/2 miles to 130th Street. The extension is estimated to cost at least $1.4 billion, according to the CTA.

Goldman and its partners will not be paid by the CTA in the first year of the four-year agreement. They will receive fees starting at $58,000 a month in the second year, plus a percentage of any transactions with investors.





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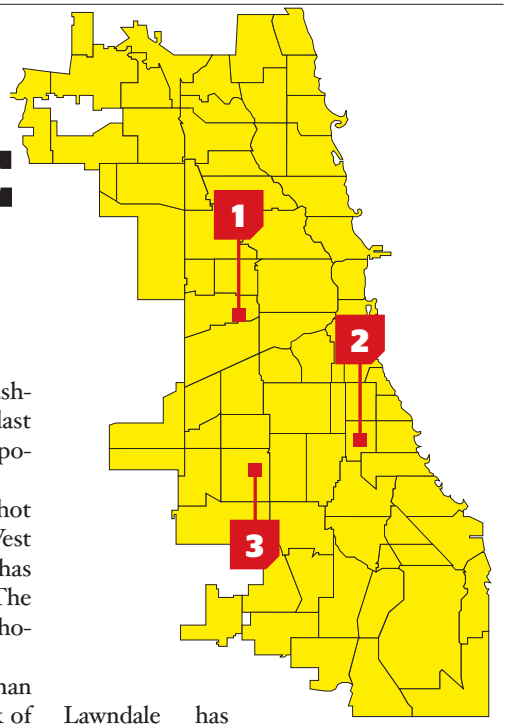
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Homicides from Feb. 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday

HOMICIDE TRACKER



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Chicago Lawn, North Lawndale and Washington Park each saw a homicide in the last week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

In Chicago Lawn, a 15-year-old was shot to death Sunday in the 2800 block of West 66th Street, police said. Chicago Lawn has logged three homicides so far this year. The South Side community area recorded 17 homicides last year, RedEye data found.

In Washington Park, a 20-year-old man was fatally shot Feb. 2 in the 5900 block of South Calumet Avenue, officials said. Washington Park has logged one homicide so far this year. The South Side community area recorded 10 homicides last year, according to RedEye data.

In North Lawndale, a 28-year-old man was shot to death Feb. 1 in the 1800 block of South Troy Avenue, police said. North Lawndale has logged two homicides so far this year. The West Side community area recorded 14 homicides last year, RedEye data found.

Citywide, three homicides have been recorded so far this month. Twenty-five homicides were logged in February 2011, according to RedEye data.

1 1800 BLOCK OF S. TROY AVE.
Date: Feb. 1
Victim: 1
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2 5900 BLOCK OF S. CALUMET AVE.
Date: Feb. 2
Victim: 1
Cause: Gunshot

3 2800 BLOCK OF W. 66TH ST.
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Victim:: Gunshot

Groupon shares drop

Chicago Tribune

Groupon reported quarterly earnings as a publicly traded company for the first time on Wednesday, posting a net loss of $42.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2011, narrower than a net loss of $378.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2010.

The Chicago-based daily deals company said revenue totaled $506.5 million in the fourth quarter, nearly triple its revenue of $172.2 million in the year-earlier period. Gross billings, which represents the total amount Groupon collects before paying merchants their share of deal proceeds, tripled to $1.25 billion from $415.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Groupon noted that its operating income totaled $15 million in the fourth quarter, reversing an operating loss of $336.1 million in the year-earlier quarter.

This was the company's first quarter of operating profitability since kicking off international operations in the second quarter of 2010.

IN CONTEXT

Chicago-based Groupon made its debut on the Nasdaq in early November, raising $700 million in an initial public offering that gave the company a valuation of $12.76 billion.

EXPRESS LINES

» A man the FBI dubbed the "Wicker Park Bandit" who is suspected of holding up at least 10 banks on the North Side was charged Wednesday with one count of bank robbery.

» Lawmakers in Springfield are introducing a measure through the House to allow same-sex marriages in Illinois, The Associated Press reports. Illinois currently allows civil unions. TRIBUNE


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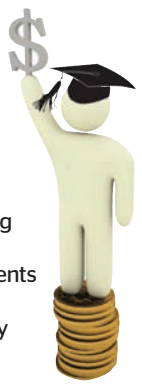
1 Bombing hero runs for Congress

A street vendor who helped thwart a Times Square bombing attack in May 2010 has announced he is running for Congress. Duane Jackson, a disabled Vietnam veteran, called himself "a real outsider" in the race.

2 Officials caught watching porn

Three Indian politicians from a morally conservative party, including a women's affairs minister, resigned Wednesday after being caught watching pornography on a mobile phone during a session of state parliament.

Lawyers warn about student debt



Student loan debt is pushing an increasing number of young people and their parents toward bankruptcy, according to a survey released Tuesday.

3 Gay marriage bill advances in Wash.

A bill to legalize gay marriage in Washington state won final legislative approval Wednesday in a vote that moved the state one step closer to becoming the seventh to recognize same-sex nuptials. The governor is expected to sign the bill into law next week.

4 Syria continues attacks on rebels

Syria's army pounded the rebel city of Homs on Wednesday as Turkey sought international action to protect civilians from former ally President Bashar al-Assad, a move that risks the wrath of Russia and China.



Glitter is tossed into the air as Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney walks toward the stage during a rally last week in Eagan, Minn. GETTY IMAGES

Glitter bomb!

Each of the four remaining contenders for the Republican presidential nomination has sparkled at one point or another during the campaign. We're talking, of course, about "glitter bombing."

That is the protesters' tactic of flinging glitter at candidates and other political figures who oppose their cause, often same-sex marriage.

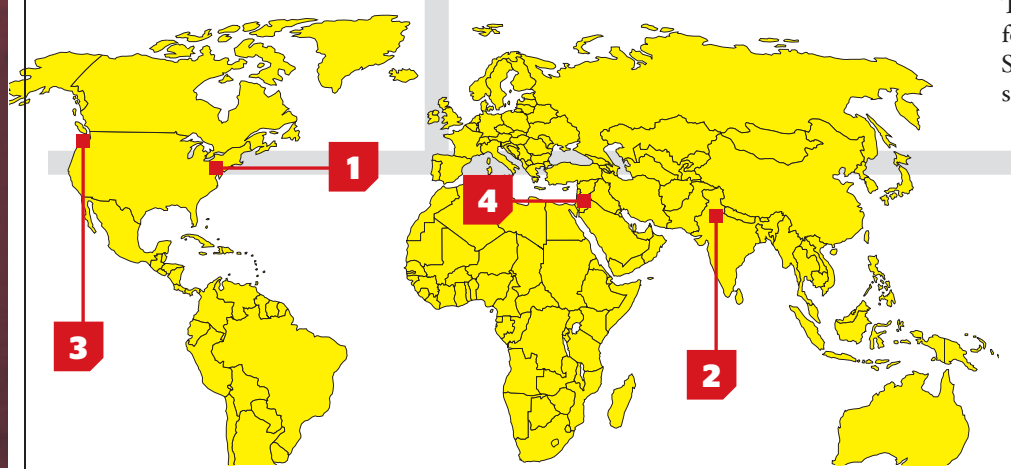
Nick Espinosa, a gay-rights activist and a member of both the protest group Occupy Minneapolis and another called the Glitterati, is credited with launching the glitter-bombing phenomenon last spring with a sparkle strike at presidential candidate and former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich during a book signing in Minneapolis.

"What I have tried to do with creative forms of protest like glittering is to capture people's imagination and tap into a cultural point of reference with a piece of political theater," Espinosa wrote in a piece last fall for The Huffington Post, in which he boasted of the glitter attack on Gingrich.

"The strength of glitter is that humor is an incredibly powerful tool for communicating a message—even a deadly serious one."

The glitter bombings, labeled assaults by some, have led to arrests in some cases and seem to have become more common of late.

Rick Santorum was glitter-bombed Tuesday by a protester in Blaine, Minn., the same day he swept caucuses and a primary in three states. This was at least the fourth glittery encounter for Santorum, after similar events last month in South Carolina and Florida, and Friday in Missouri.



THE DIGIT

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Marian Hossa (No. 81) and the Hawks have been knocked off balance the past two weeks. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

THE STREAK	
Jan. 21	Nashville 5, Blackhawks 2
Jan. 24	Nashville 3, Blackhawks 1
Jan. 31	Vancouver 3, Blackhawks 2 (OT)
Feb. 2	Edmonton 8, Blackhawks 4
Friday	Calgary 3, Blackhawks 1
Tuesday	Colorado 5, Blackhawks 2

SLIPPING AWAY

HAWKS' LOSING STREAK HAS SENT THEM FROM FIRST TO SIXTH

RedEye

The Blackhawks' season is unraveling before frustrated fans' eyes.

Once the top team in the NHL, the Blackhawks are mired in a six-game losing streak (0-5-1)—five of them on the road—with five more road games starting them in the face before they return to the home ice of the United Center.

"It's easy right now to be negative and point fingers," Patrick Sharp said. "But now's the time we need to stay together more than ever and be a team and come out of this."

Almost three weeks ago—Jan. 21.—the Blackhawks were first in the Western Conference with 64 points and a record of 29-13-6. After Tuesday's 5-2 loss in Colorado, the Hawks are sixth in the West with 65 points and are 29-18-7. The Hawks entered Wednesday night seven points behind conference-leading Detroit and seven points from ninth—and out—in the playoff standings.

To make matters worse, the Blackhawks practiced at University of Denver's Magness Arena on Wednesday missing four players out with flulike symptoms and Steve Montador with an upper body injury.

"We try to be positive through a tough stretch like we're in right now and find ways to say that this is something we can build on," coach Joel Quenneville said after practice. "We still have a lot of work to do. That's what we have to reinforce, maybe looking at taking baby steps in certain areas, whether it's the depth of our forecheck, our play in our own end—all have to be more detail-oriented."

The road ahead doesn't exactly offer much to look forward to. The Hawks are in San Jose to face the Pacific Division-leading Sharks on Friday, the third-in-the-Central Nashville Predators on Tuesday and the Atlantic Division-leading N.Y. Rangers on Feb. 16. They'll also play at Phoenix and Columbus.

So what's the bright side? The longest road trip left this season is three games in early March.

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Is going to the event worth it?



Ryan Smith
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What the hell am I doing here?

That's the question that kept tugging at my brain while sitting at the UFC event "in person" a couple of weeks ago. I put that phrase in quotes because even while sitting in relatively coveted seats on the ground floor of the United Center, I realized I wasn't actually watching the live action in front of me.

Instead, I kept finding myself peering upward to the crystal-clear JumboTron, transfixed by the up-close-and-personal shots of the fighters grappling on the mat. I wasn't the only one—there were plenty of others around me with necks craned toward the ceiling like we all were hanging out at the biggest, most awkward sports bar in town.

This is a problem for the future of live sporting event attendance. If we're already paying a premium for tickets, parking, transportation and crappy stadium food and beer, yet end up witnessing most of the action on a massive TV, watching sports at home or a sports bar becomes that much more attractive.

There are exceptions, of course. Hockey and soccer both are examples of sports better enjoyed with more of a bird's-eye view of the action as opposed to the focused-on-the-ball/puck perspective of TV broadcasts.

But overall, the fact that pro sports attendance figures haven't nose-dived already is testament to the power of ritual and tradition over rationality. Sports can be a glamorized cult for many of us (just ask Penn State fans) where dragging yourself to a game can feel as obligatory as attending a Christmas church service. There's also the "I was there!" bragging rights you can use on your friends or on social media.

My prediction is this: If sports arenas and stadiums don't somehow find a way to improve the experience and drive down costs, common sense will prevail in five to 10 years and we'll all be enjoying the big game on our 3-D, 100-inch, outer-space plasma TVs.

The cheap seats? They'll all become the empty seats.

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1 Who's your No. 1 Blackhawks goalie?	The wooden panel with holes along the ice used for Shoot the Puck contests at the UC.	That strong, unshakable one who stops the puck. Good ol' whatshisname.	Whoever can snap the losing streak.	Your mom. I heard guys like going five-hole on her.	The "NHL 09" version of Huet. Hearing announcers say "Cristobal looked into his crystal ball" is a bonus.
2 If Luol Deng doesn't make the All-Star team ...	... maybe he could talk D-Rose into sitting out, too. #saveitfortheplayoffs	... 5,000 puppies will start to cry. Which is much, much worse than a snub.	... it's OK because it'll be the only game he doesn't play 40-plus minutes this season.	... he'll have a few days off to rest in a compressed NBA schedule. This is bad?	... it's because he was a little Denged up.
3 Like Gisele, what would Kristin Cavallari say in defending Jay Cutler?	"Take it back, or I will strangle you with these salmon pants!"	"Take it back, Brody! He is too my fiance! No, you stop!"	"Back off—that's my baby daddy!"	"He can't throw and catch and tackle and coach at the same time!"	Like Gisele, the only public defense of her quarterback husband she should ever give is "Google me."
4 What would your fan-produced White Sox commercial include?	Robin Ventura charging Nolan Ryan. This time would have to be different, right?	That would require me being a White Sox fan.	A direct line to Kenny's cellphone.	The dregs of society, also known as White Sox fans.	Montage of Dunn's K's with a salary-per-at-bat counter rising to the $4.3M he was paid last year.
5 What sports stadium would you like to get engaged in?	Sports Authority Field at Mile High in Denver. God knows nothing could go wrong there—right, Tebow?	Sorry, not interested, but thanks for asking.	Dunkin' Donuts Center. I hear you get doughnuts for life. Mmmm.	Gee, where would the Blackhawks fan like to get engaged? This is a mystery.	Field of Dreams.

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BULLS 90, NEW ORLEANS 67

POST-UP COMIC

Bulls and New Orleans are the latest victims of Will Ferrell's funny bone

RedEye

Will Ferrell and the Bulls go together like ... well, who knows. But funnyman Ferrell and sports go together like peanut butter and jelly.

On Wednesday night, Ferrell announced the starting lineups before the Bulls-Hornets game in New Orleans—and he added a pinch of the comedy he's showed off in many a sports-related movie, such as "Semi-Pro," "Talladega Nights" and "Blades of Glory."

Here's how he introduced the starting lineup for each team.

BULLS

Carlos Boozer:

"He still lives with his mother."

Luol Deng: "He collects rare birds and has a pet dolphin."

Joakim Noah: "He's a Scorpio and a horrible dancer."

Ronnie Brewer: "He once ate 20 hot dogs in an hour."

Derrick Rose: "His favorite movie is 'The Notebook.' "

NEW ORLEANS

Trevor Ariza:

"He still loves to listen to Bel Biv Devoe."

Gustavo Ayon: "He doesn't speak a lick of English but we still love him."

Emeka Okafor: "He majored in econ but minored in love."

Marco Belinelli: "He's from Italy, but ironically he hates Italian food."

Jarrett Jack: "After basketball, his dream is to become a rodeo clown."



Will Ferrell introduces the players prior to tipoff Wednesday night in New Orleans.
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Perkins vs. LeBron

It was bad enough that Oklahoma City's Kendrick Perkins was posterized by L.A.'s Blake Griffin, but then LeBron James chimed in on Twitter, praising the dunk and saying he would have to move his own dunk on the Bulls' John Lucas III to No. 2.

"You don't see Kobe [Bryant] tweeting," Perkins told Yahoo! sports. "You don't see Michael Jordan tweeting. If you're an elite player, plays like that don't excite you."





Chad Johnson is back—maybe

First he was receiver extraordinaire Chad Johnson, then he was Chad Ochocinco, next he might be Chad Johnson again—if **@ochocinco**'s cryptic tweet is not a joke. In response to one of his followers saying he had five signed Ochocinco jerseys came this tweet, "Take them down, i'll be Johnson on july 4th." Independence Day for Johnson, eh?

"She just needs to continue to stay cute and shut up."

—N.Y. Giants running back **Brandon Jacobs,** on Tom Brady's wife Gisele Bundchen's remarks about New England wide receivers



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Welcome to the main event. With more than 200 nominations pouring in from RedEye readers, we've narrowed the competition to our Top 8 finalists for RedEye's Best Bartender 2012 project. From posh restaurants to busy cocktail lounges to gastropubs, this bunch is everywhere, making their mark as up-and-coming talent behind bars across Chicago. Stop by their home bases this weekend to check out their signature drinks, then cast your vote for the bartender you want to see move on to the next round of competition. The four bartenders with the most votes will face off at our Best Bartender Bash on Feb. 22. So get drinking—as if you needed another excuse— and cast your vote at **redeyechicago.com/bartender**. Voting ends at noon Monday.

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Chasity Beasley

Fulton's on the River

With nine years of bartending experience under her belt, Chasity, 29, is prepared to serve any drink with a smile at Fulton's bar-within-a-bar, Bridge Bar. She prefers a sweeter taste to her drinks, so look for this Mount Greenwood resident to create refreshing cocktails with a summertime edge.

Catch her: Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons or Friday and Saturday nights at Fulton's on the River, 315 N. LaSalle St.

Signature drink: Chasity's St. Hendrick's Cooler ($12-$14) works in a mix of muddled strawberry, cucumber and basil with gin, St. Germain elderflower liqueur, simple syrup, lemon juice and soda.

Jenny Kessler

Masa Azul

Tequila lovers, listen up. Jenny, 29, is a master of smoky mezcal creations and will do all she can to school you in the ways of this tequila cousin. Living and working in Logan Square have given her a real feel for the neighborhood, so be sure to ask her for recommendations on other must-try spots.

Catch her: Friday-Sunday nights at Masa Azul, 2901 W. Diversey Ave.

Signature drink: Margarita fans will appreciate Jenny's Tour de Mexico ($12), which features mezcal, two kinds of tequila, pulque, lemonade and a lemon wheel with a salt rim.

Jay Schroeder

Double A

After working as a server at The Drawing Room, Jay, 28, decided to give mixology a try. Now at Mercadito's underground cocktail spot, Double A, the Bucktown resident works hard to balance a craft cocktail crowd at dinner with the bottle service crowd the space attracts late at night, giving him a well-rounded edge.

Catch him: Wednesday-Saturday nights at Double A (below Mercadito), 108 W. Kinzie St.

Signature drink: Jay's "The 5th Percenter" ($14) features a mix of bourbon, lemon, maple, creme de cassis, egg white and bitters.

Ronnie Higgins

Bangers & Lace, Bar DeVille

If you've been among the crowd vying for a weekend table at Bangers & Lace, you've probably run into Ronnie, 24. This West Town guy has been working in the industry since he was barely 21, honing his skills with Brad Bolt at Bar DeVille. If you've never tried Malort, he's the one to ask.

Catch him: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights at Bangers & Lace (1670 W. Division St.) and Thursday or Sunday night at Bar DeVille (701 N. Damen Ave.)

Signature drink: The Little Destroyer ($10) is sure to keep you warm with a mix of rye whiskey, apple brandy, blackberry liquor, amaro, bitters and lemon zest.



Jonathan O'Brien

Elixir

Expect a wait for a weekend seat at tiny Boystown craft cocktail spot Elixir thanks to the boozy concoctions from Jonathan, 30. The Lakeview resident previously was behind the bar at XO and Halsted's and now balances his time between bartending and managing at Elixir's neighboring club, Hydrate.

Catch him: Thursday-Sunday nights at Elixir, 3452 N. Halsted St.

Signature drink: Keep things dark with Jon's Bourbon Shrub ($11) with whiskey, homemade shrub, lemon, Earl Grey tea and rosemary.

Monica Dim

Public House

Don't let her small stature fool you—Monica, 25, can sling drinks with the best of 'em. After working at hot spots such as Rockit and Bull & Bear, the Old Town resident headed over to River North's Public House when it first opened. Her drinks are known to pull crowds away from the bar's signature table taps.

Catch her: Thursday afternoon or Friday-Monday nights at Public House, 400 N. State St.

Signature drink: Gin lovers, this one's for you. Monica mixes ginger-infused gin, grapefruit, simple syrup, ginger beer and lemon juice for her All I Do is Gin ($12).

Jess Keene

The Barrelhouse Flat

Boystown partiers may remember Jess, 31, from her days at spots such as Cocktail and Roscoe's, where she tended bar before working in Florida for a few years. Now you can find her at Lincoln Park's newest cocktail joint. Stop in on a weeknight to quiz this Uptown resident on her extensive classic cocktail knowledge.

Catch her: Mondays and Saturdays at the downstairs bar or Thursdays at the upstairs bar at The Barrelhouse Flat, 2624 N. Lincoln Ave.

Signature drink: Go old school with the Joan Crawford ($11), a mix of cognac, lemon juice, cinnamon syrup, sweet vermouth and egg white with a grated nutmeg garnish.

Nahm Kim

Sunda

Nahm, 33, is a whiskey guy at heart and has been working as a bartender for 10 years. Now you can find the West Town resident adding his own twist to Sunda's drink menu (he's working on the spring menu) with infusions and new bitters always on his mind.

Catch him: Tuesday-Sunday at Sunda, 110 W. Illinois St.

Signature drink: Nahm takes whiskey up a notch with his Red Delta ($13), made with hibiscus-infused whiskey, sweet vermouth, aperol and blood orange bitters.



NIGHTCRAWLERS

SEEN ON THE SCENE AT ... THE CUBBY BEAR, 1059 W. ADDISON ST.

On Saturday, we swung over to Wrigleyville to catch the quirky cover band Rod Tuffcurls and the Bench Press play to a packed crowd at the Cubby Bear. **CRAIG SEYMOUR FOR REDEYE**

Denise Cepeda
21, teaches Spanish



What brings you out tonight?
One of my friends just got back from Afghanistan, so we're celebrating him being back for two weeks.

Why did you choose Wrigleyville?
It's really alive here. It's really diverse. There's always a bunch of people everywhere. It doesn't matter what the weather is, what month, what day. It's really alive, so you know you're gonna have fun.

How did you put together your outfit?
I wanted to do casual. It is a little nippy outside, so I wanted to stay a little warm but still be trendy.

What's a cool Spanish pickup line?
Something like, "Hola bella." It means, "hello, beautiful." Spanish is a lovely language. It's a very romantic language. You can say a lot of different stuff in Spanish and it will sound good.



Funda Leblebici
25, graduate student

What brings you out tonight?
It's my friend's birthday.

What do you like about Wrigleyville?
People aren't uptight. They're relaxed and like to have fun.

What are you drinking and why?
Vodka cranberry, because it matches my hair color.



Jason Cielo
27, remodeling/ graphic design

What are you drinking and why?
Right now, I'm drinking water. It's been a long weekend. But usually it's Jameson. I love Irish whiskey. And for beer, it's Corona or a PBR.

How long does it take to spike your hair?
I'm pretty good at it. I can do it in 10-15 minutes.

What happens when you go to sleep with your hair like that?
I wake up with it looking the same.

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Four reasons to love PBS drama 'Downton Abbey'

LOS ANGELES Move over, "Mad Men" and Kim Kardashian. There's a new darling in U.S. pop culture, with a much posher accent and even fancier clothes.

British World War I-era drama "Downton Abbey" and its colorful cast of countesses, cooks and kitchen maids has taken America by storm, dominating modern social media and bringing millions of new, young viewers to the often staid world of public broadcasting.

January's second-season opener on PBS's "Masterpiece" slot drew 4.2 million U.S. viewers—an 18 percent rise on the first season and rising to 6.3 million in replays and online views.

That's more than a million more than the regular audience for award-winning "Mad Men," and on par with the Kardashian divorce drama finale of "Kourtney and Kim Take New York."

"There has been a tremendous online response," said Sarah Ball, deputy editor of **vanityfair.com**, who live-tweets during each weekly episode. "PBS does historically have an older audience ... but 'Masterpiece' has courted that online fan base. They organized the live tweeting, put up sideshows and extras that really appeal to fans."

Here's what else you need to know about "Downton Abbey."



Dan Stevens and and Michelle Dockery on 'Downton Abbey'

1 The show, created by Oscar-winning British writer Julian Fellowes, already has won six Emmys. When it added a Golden Globe in January, Twitter said it was the most-tweeted moment from the Hollywood awards show.

2 Seven of the top 20 titles available for download on **amazon.com** are single episodes or DVDs of "Downton Abbey," and the drama has close to 750,000 streams online—the highest for any work ever on PBS.

3 **Cafepress.com** has a line of T-shirts featuring some of actress Maggie Smith's most withering one-liners as the Dowager Countess of Grantham, including putdowns such as, "Why does every day involve a fight with an American?"

4 Fans have set up Facebook pages for the crusty Dowager Countess, stoic gentleman's valet Mr. Bates and other characters in the drama about English aristocrats and their servants.

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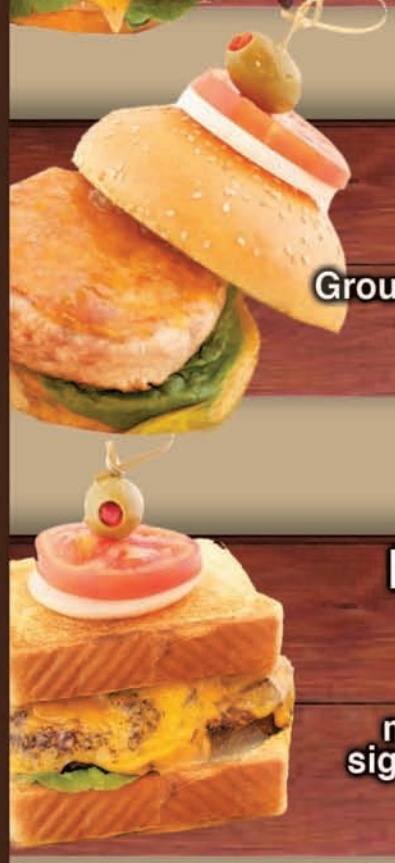
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Jalapeno Bacon
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Southwest
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The final call for 'House'

Reuters

Hospital drama "House" will end in April after eight seasons, producers said Wednesday, bringing to a close one of the most popular shows on TV.

"House," starring British actor Hugh Laurie as the cantankerous but brilliant doctor Gregory House, started in 2004 and will have been on air for 175 episodes on Fox when it comes to an end.

"After much deliberation, the producers of 'House M.D.' have decided that this season of the show, the eighth, should be the last," executive producers David Shore, Katie Jacobs and Laurie said in a statement.

They said the decision to end the show was painful but added they "have always imagined House as an enigmatic creature; he should never be the last one to leave the party. How much better to disappear before the music stops, while there is still some promise and mystique in the air."

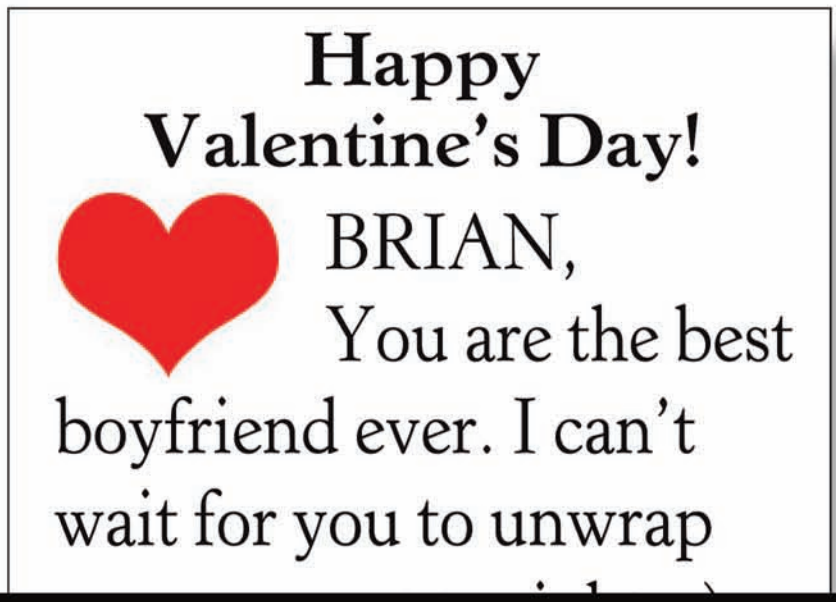
"House" was among the 10 top-rated TV shows in the U.S. from 2005-2008 and was seen in some 66 other countries. But U.S. ratings have slipped in the past two years to about half its original 20 million viewers.

The program was Emmy-nominated for best drama four times but never won, although Laurie won two Golden Globes and two Screen Actors Guild awards for his leading role.

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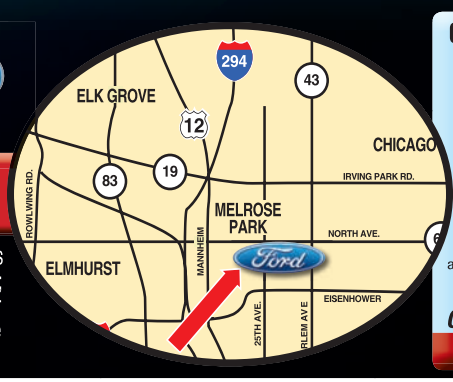

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Resident Evil: Revelations

Nintendo 3DS

Lately Capcom has been pumping out "Resident Evil" games like a banana republic prints money, so it should come as little surprise that "Revelations" is the second "RE" game to hit the 3DS in the past nine months. What's shocking about "Revelations" isn't that it exists, but that it's arguably the best non-Mario game yet to hit Nintendo's portable platform. As opposed to the action-heavy ways of the past few games in the series, this tiny version plays more like the suspense-building survival horror we remember and love from the '90s.







Kingdoms of Amalur

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3

This wildly ambitious fantasy game from former MLB star Curt Schilling's 38 Studios isn't quite the grand slam "Skyrim" is, but it qualifies as at least a stand-up triple in the increasingly crowded role-playing game genre. It'd be an early candidate for Game of 2012 if not for some nagging bugs and glitches and a garish graphical style that looks like "The Elder Scrolls" had a baby with "World of Warcraft" and a box of Lucky Charms. Even so, the combo-heavy combat excites, the voice acting is top-notch and there are more than 200 hours of engrossing swords-and-sorcery-style game play to wade through.

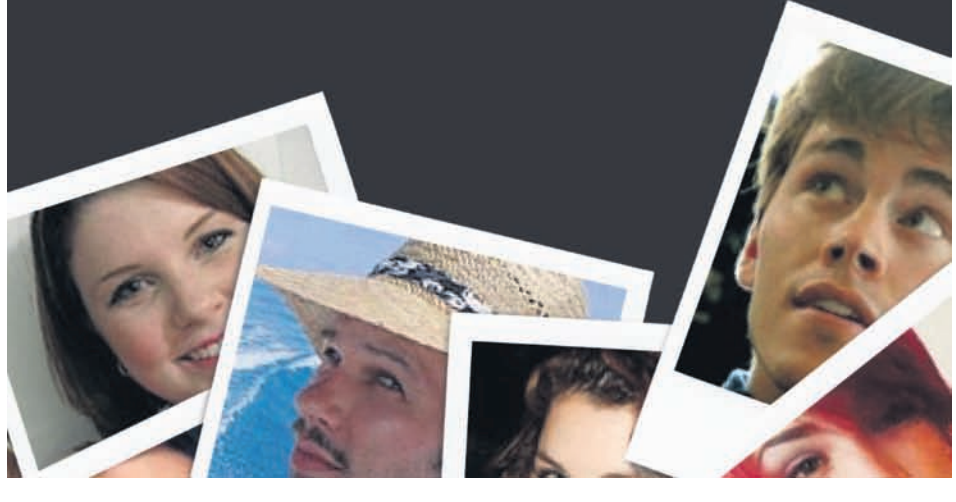


SOL: Exodus

PC

The makers of this space-based shooter may have been aiming for a bit of cheekiness when they named their game after the acronym for a phrase that rhymes with "Schmidt Out of Luck," but it's unfortunate because that's how most gamers will feel after purchasing this game. Bland, mind-numbingly repetitive action and a lack of a compelling narrative means we'll have to keep waiting for the next "Wing Commander" to revive the space dog-fighting genre.

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Images from 'Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning'

Batter up, er, en garde!

By Ryan Smith
FOR REDEYE

Curt Schilling was one of the best ever at tossing fireballs past major league hitters. But as it turns out, there were times the former All-Star pitcher would rather have been throwing a different kind of fireball at orcs and goblins in games such as "World of Warcraft."

"I think one of the only differences from me and the hard-core 'D&D'-ers out there is that I was blessed with ability to throw a baseball really fast and accurately," Schilling said.

Schilling took his love for all things fantasy gaming and founded 38 Studios and has spent much of his retirement from baseball creating a game called "Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning"—which was released Tuesday.

Schilling spoke with RedEye about "Reckoning" and the similarities between baseball and video game producing.

A lot of athletes play video games, especially on the road, but they tend to play sports games or shooters like "Call of Duty." How did you get into fantasy RPGs?

I've just always been a fantasy gamer. I mean, I played sports for a living, so hopping off the diamond, going home and getting on a console to play a baseball game wasn't what I was after. Fantasy, I think, is inherent in all of our DNAs to some degree.

What was your specific vision with "Kingdom of Amalur"?

The vision is here is that it's more than just one game—this game is sort of the leadoff hitter for us. We have a completely new fantasy intellectual property and our goal is to make it as something as big as "Star Wars" or "Lord of the Rings."



There's a lot of talent on the "Kingdoms of Amalur" team. Does it compare at all to any of your Red Sox teams?

Absolutely. If you look at 38 Studios and the talent—they've combined to ship $12 billion in product in the past 12 years and I'd stack the talent we have to any company or genre in the world. It's not enough; it's about execution, and I think we've done that.

Playing baseball is obviously much different than producing a game, but was there anything in your past career you could draw on that helped you?

Everything. There's way more crossover and carryover than you might imagine. There's a saying in baseball—you play for the name on the front of your jersey, not the name on the back. When you get people at this level, and getting them to buy into something bigger than yourself, it's far more beneficial professionally and personally than going down your own path. That's been my job and my role, to let these guys do their magic.

I would love to tell you that I'm a junior game designer and I'm good at it, but I'm not. I suck. **RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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South Side stories

North Side doesn't have a monopoly on entertaining you

By Julia Borcherts | FOR REDEYE

Sure, there are literally hundreds of stages on the North Side to keep you entertained. But if you haven't ventured south of the Loop, you're missing out on a wide array of top-notch theater and comedy performances. Ready to change up your show-going routine this month? We've got six productions to get you started.

'Peter Pan's Shadow Part One: Neverland'

This experimental East Pilsen company—which produces only original works—kicks off its 10th season with a dark, world premiere exploration of the back story behind the classic tale of Peter, Tinker Bell and Captain Hook by founder and artistic director Jeremy Menekseoglu.

Go: Through March 4 at Dream Theatre, 556 W. 18th St.

Tickets: $18; 773-552-8616; **dreamtheatrecompany.com**

'The Legend of Buster Neal'

The Civil Rights generation meets the hip-hop generation when an activist returns to New Orleans 60 years after his alleged death and confronts his great-great grandson, a drug-dealing wannabe rapper, in a drama by native Louisianan Jackie Alexander. The show makes its Chicago premiere at this influential South Shore cultural institution.

Go: Through March 4 at ETA Creative Arts Foundation, 7558 S. South Chicago Ave.

Tickets: $20-$30; 773-752-3955; **etacreativearts.org**

'Invisible Man'

Head to this Hyde Park Equity theater for a world premiere production of Ralph Ellison's definitive 1950s novel that Tribune theater critic Chris Jones calls "a remarkable, must-see dramatic achievement" with "a magnificent central performance from Teagle F. Bougere that deftly captures the tonal complexity with which Ellison imbued his alter ego: a young black man who takes an epic, push-pull journey from college in Alabama to professional organizer in Harlem, and from idealistic surge to stoic retreat."

Go: Through Feb. 19 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.

Tickets: $45-$65; 773-753-4472; **courttheatre.org**

L.M.A.O. Comedy Tour

This modern Bronzeville landmark, which presents African-American-themed entertainment ranging from historical dramas to dance concerts to contemporary musicals, hosts a two-set night of joke slinging in which comedians Stick, Shawn Morgan and Ray Lipowski—as seen on HBO, BET, Showtime and other networks—throw down.

Go: 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Harold Washington Cultural Center, 4701 S. King Drive

Tickets: No cover; $20 minimum food or drink purchase; 773-373-1900; **hwccchicago.org**

Valentine's Comedy Show

L.A. funnyman Manny Maldonado (BET's "Comic View") lands in the Chi for this show, which also features sets by local comedians Alex Ortiz, Chastity Washington and the winner of Watra's ROFLMAO Comedy Contest. The celebration continues at this Southwest Side club with DVD giveaways, raffles and a chance to take home $50 in the audience-participation "best joke" contest.

Go: 9 p.m. Friday at Watra, 4758 S. Pulaski Road

Tickets: $15-$20; 773-927-0710; **alexortiz.com**

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Kevin White



Baldhead Phillips



Jay Deep

Jokes and Notes Comedy Night

Proprietor Mary Lindsay—formerly of All Jokes Aside, the '90s South Loop club that showcased Chris Rock, Jamie Foxx, Bernie Mac and others—has been booking first-rate local and national comedians at her Bronzeville club since 2006. This week's headliner is Jay Deep (as seen on BET's "Comic View" and HBO's "Bad Boys of Comedy"). Kevin White opens and Baldhead Phillips hosts.

Go: 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Jokes and Notes, 4641 S. King Drive

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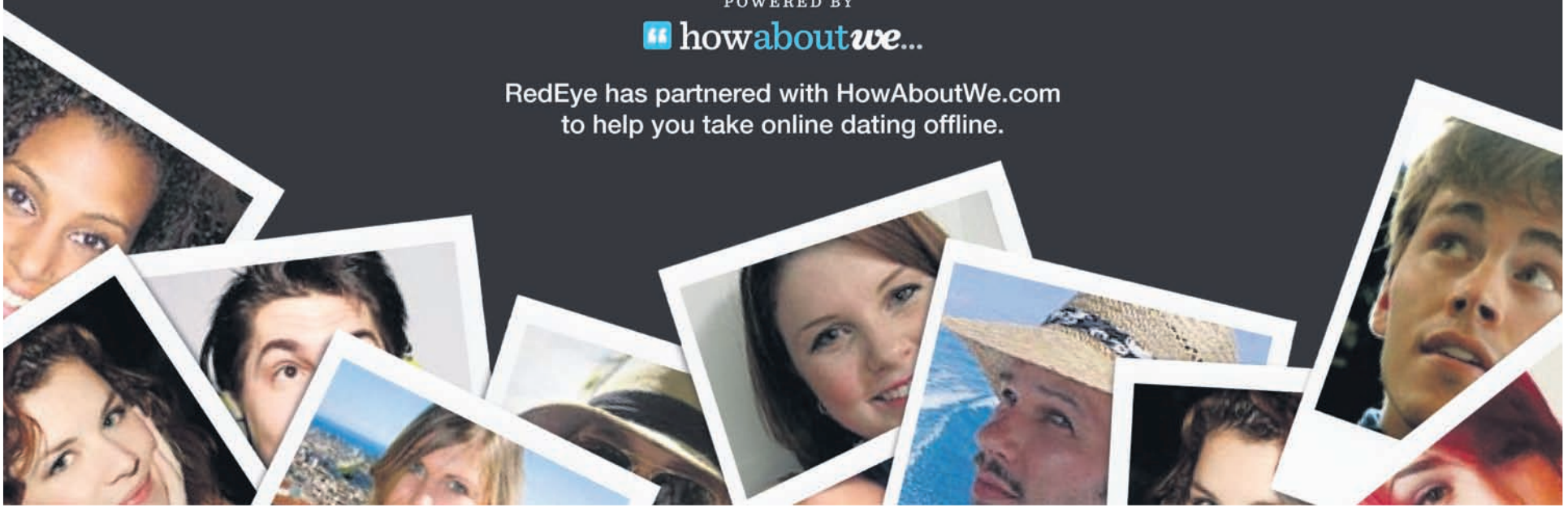
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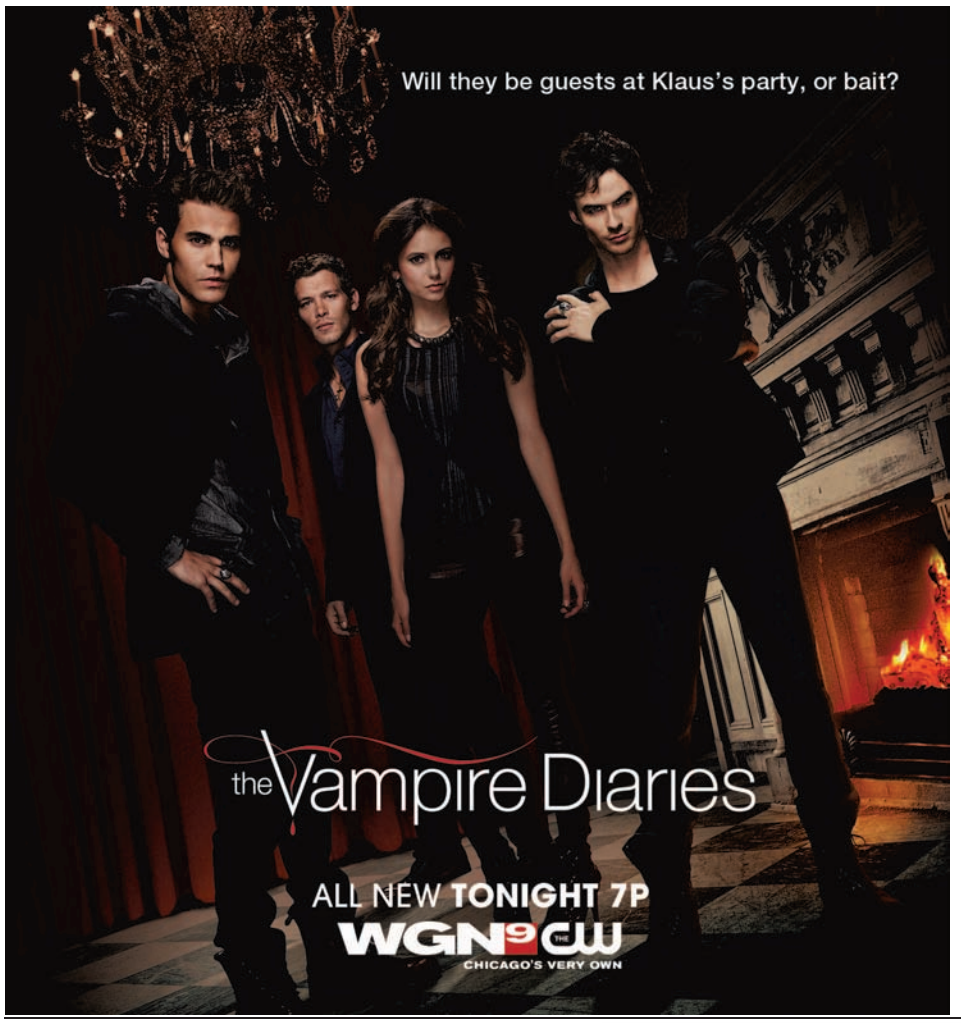
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- **The Grey** (R) 1:40,4:25,7:20,10:05
- **Red Tails** (PG–13) 1:20,4:15,7:10,10:00
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- **Chronicle** (PG–13) 1:20,6:45
- **The Woman in Black** (PG–13) 1:00,3:30,6:00,8:30,11:00
- **Big Miracle** (PG) 11:50,2:25,5:00,7:35,10:25
- **The Grey** (R) 1:40,3:50,4:25,7:15,9:20,10:05
- **One for the Money** (PG–13) 12:20,2:50,5:10,7:55
- **Man on a Ledge** (PG–13) 12:00,5:20,8:05
- **Man on a Ledge** (PG–13) (Open captioned) 2:40,10:45
- **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) 12:30,3:00,5:45,8:15,10:55
- **Underworld: Awakening** (R) 7:05,9:40
- **Red Tails** (PG–13) 1:30,4:35,7:25,10:35
- **Haywire** (R) 1:10,4:00,6:20,8:40,11:05
- **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) 1:50,4:10,6:35
- **Contraband** (R) 8:00
- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG–13) 12:10,3:20,6:10,9:10
- **The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) 12:50,6:30
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 3:40,9:05
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- **Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) 12:01 A.M.
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- AMC Independent **The Artist** (PG–13) 11:55,2:25,5:00,7:40,10:30
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- AMC Independent **A Dangerous Method** (R) 1:55,7:20
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- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) 12:01 A.M.
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- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 2:35,8:55
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- **Man on a Ledge** (PG–13) 2:40,5:10,7:50,10:40
- **The Woman in Black** (PG–13) 12:30,3:10,5:45,8:15,10:45
- **The Grey** (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,11:15
- **Red Tails** (PG–13) 1:10,4:25,7:35,10:45
- **Underworld: Awakening** (R) 3:45 P.M.
- **Hidden Face** (R) 1:45,4:40,7:20,10:00
- **Chronicle** (PG–13) 12:45,3:00,5:15,7:45,10:30
- **Contraband** (R) 1:25,4:20,7:25,10:10
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D** (PG) 12:01 A.M.
- **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) 12:15,2:30,4:45,7:00,9:15,11:30
- **Underworld: Awakening 3D** (R) 1:20,2:20,4:45,7:10,9:30
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 5:20 P.M.
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- **One for the Money** (PG–13) ★ 1:40,4:15,6:50,9:30
- **The Woman in Black** (PG–13) ★ 12:45,3:20,6:10,8:45,11:10
- **Big Miracle** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:50,3:40,6:20,9:20
- **Safe House** (R) ★ 12:00 A.M.
- **Contraband** (R) 2:10,5:00,7:40,10:20
- **The Vow** (PG–13) ★ 12:05 A.M.
- **Man on a Ledge** (PG–13) ★ 1:15,3:45,6:30,9:10
- **The Artist** (PG–13) 2:00,4:40,7:30,10:25
- **The Grey** (R) ★ 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace 3D** (PG) ★ 11:00 A.M.
- **The Descendants** (R) (Closed caption) 2:20,5:10,8:00
- **Beauty and the Beast 3D** (G) 2:15,4:45
- **Chronicle** (PG–13) ★ 11:00 P.M.
- **Chronicle** (PG–13) ★ 1:10,3:30,6:00,8:30
- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG–13) (Closed caption) 1:30,4:30,10:30
- **Haywire** (R) 1:45,4:10,9:20
- **Red Tails** (PG–13) 1:50,4:50,7:50,10:50
- **I Am Bruce Lee** (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.

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- **The Grey** (R) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
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- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,6:45,9:30
- **The Grey** (R) ★ 2:00,4:35,7:15,9:50
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- **One for the Money** (PG–13) 1:10,3:30,5:50,8:10,10:30
- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG–13) 12:55,4:10,7:05,10:00
- **The Descendants** (R) 11:35,2:20,5:05,7:50
- **A Separation** (PG–13) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:30
- **The Artist** (PG–13) 11:40,2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
- **The Iron Lady** (PG–13) 11:30,2:05,4:45,7:20,9:55
- **Haywire** (R) 8:20,10:40
- **Red Tails** (PG–13) 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
- **Man on a Ledge** (PG–13) 12:25,3:00,5:25,7:55,10:25
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Kate (and Pippa's bum) push Lady Gaga off fashion's map


Pippa (left) and Kate Middleton
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Reuters

Britain's Kate Middleton and her sister, Pippa, have bumped Lady Gaga off the international fashion map.

The wife of Prince William, now formally known as the Duchess of Cambridge, topped a fashion buzzword list for the second year running while outrageous pop star Lady Gaga disappeared from sight.

The Global Language Monitor, which tracks print, electronic and social media for top words and phrases, said Wednesday that "The Duchess Effect" was its top fashion word for 2012. The proclamation comes as New York begins its Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week of runway shows and celebrity parties.

Pippa Middleton—who made waves as a bridesmaid at the duchess' London wedding last year—also made the list. "Pippa's Bum" came in at No. 5, reflecting what the GLM said was the "absurdly large media interest in the duchess's sister in general and her bum in particular."


Lady Gaga

The duchess can sell out a fashion line in 24 hours just by wearing a dress or sweater from a retail store at a public event. Indeed, her style choices have influenced a more feminine look all around in fashion.

"The Duchess Effect appears to extend much further than the economic impact of Kate's fashion choices; this year the fashion landscape seems to be a brighter, more accessible place with the styles more colorful, feminine and graceful than we've observed in many years," said Bekka Payack, the Global Language Monitor's fashion expert.

It's the first time the same person has come atop the GLM's annual fashion buzzword list for two years running.

Lady Gaga, whose outfits have ranged from a raw meat dress to one of black gaffer tape, was in second place last year and topped the list in 2010.

But she failed to make the current lineup, which included words such as peplums, braids, pajamas and paisleys among the Top 10.

"The novelty [and shock value] of Lady Gaga's outrageousness has worn off. Entertainers such as Nicki Minaj, Kanye West and Katy Perry are also creating new personas with creative fashion choices—and setting new trends," Payack said.

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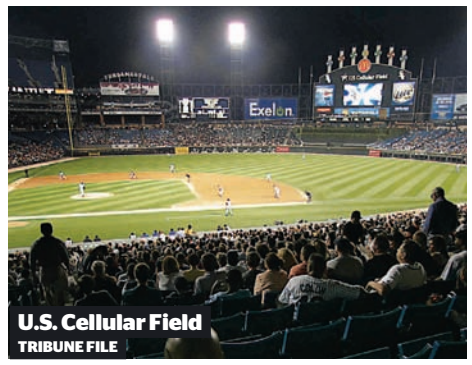
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Proposals have serious game at Chicago stadiums

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE


U.S. Cellular Field
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It won't be a World Series ring, but the White Sox will still let you put a ring on it—for the right price.

Deal site Gilt City is offering Sox fans a chance to propose to their significant others on U.S. Cellular Field on a non-game day for $5,000. The deal, which includes a limo ride and two VIP tickets for a future game, ends Friday.

Sox spokesman Scott Reifert said the offer is new and unique to Gilt City, though the Sox "have had a number of marriage proposals" over the years including some before games, some during games and some on non-game days.

The Gilt City deal includes a 30-minute engagement photo shoot, a champagne toast with up to five guests, limo service leaving the stadium and flowers. The offer must be redeemed by Dec. 31.

Of course, the Sox's crosstown rivals have their own standing deal for proposals at Wrigley Field. For $250, Cubs fans can get 30 minutes near home plate or the dugouts for their proposal, but couples must provide their own photographer, a Cubs spokesman said.

For $500, proposals can appear on the Wrigley Field marquee at Clark and Addison streets. For the same price, wedding parties can schedule their photos at Wrigley Field (maximum group size of 30).

If Chicago fans prefer a more neutral team, consider Soldier Field. A spokesman for the field said proposals there would be allowed on a case-by-case basis. A Blackhawks spokesman said the team does not have a deal similar to the Sox's offer.

This isn't the first time the Sox have gotten into the wedding game. The team introduced a "wedding experience" package in 2005, according to its website.

Fans could marry at the Cell on game days or non-game days. Prices varied based on the amenities, but options included music by the ballpark organist and messages on the scoreboard.

Brian Wise, 28, opted for a low-key package when he proposed to Mandy, his girlfriend of two years, during batting practice before a Cleveland Indians game at the Cell in 2009.

Wise, a Lutheran pastor in Aurora, said he proposed the day he returned from a yearlong internship at a Washington church.

"Mandy had no clue. She thought my dad had bought us tickets to see batting practice," said Wise, who lives in Arlington Heights. "[Sox officials] walked us through the back hall and then all of a sudden we were on the field."

Wise said they got autographs from Sox players, including from his favorite player, catcher A.J. Pierzynski, and a photographer suggested a picture by home plate.

As his girlfriend got ready for the picture, Wise told her he loved her and dropped to one knee. She said yes, and they married July 4, 2010.

After the proposal, they watched the rest of the game from seats near the Indians dugout. Oh, and the Sox won 4-2.

"It was an awesome day," said Wise, adding that he shelled out about $1,500 for the experience. "I tell people now it's a romantic event to go to a White Sox game."

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Romantic getaways

Los Angeles Times

A vibrant street life, stunning visuals, food and drink that sweeten your lips. The world's most romantic places seem to share these traits. But there is something more: a sense of style and spirit, a pace that's almost musical. Here's a list of ethereal places—some expected, some not—that can easily capture your heart.



Barcelona, Spain

Where the locals resemble Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz, nobody goes out to dinner before 10:30 p.m. and the streets teem with so much fantasy-fueled Gaudí architecture it leaves you breathless.
Most romantic season: Summer, when it's hot and sultry

San Francisco

If San Francisco didn't exist, Lewis Carroll would've had to invent it. Surrounded by ice water, a decrepit prison off its bow, this old city still manages a twinkle all its own.
Most romantic season: The holidays

Rio de Janeiro

Rio enjoys a reputation as a dreamy, steamy city, but there's far more to the place than bronzed beauties in thongs.
Most romantic time to go: May-September

Paris

You won't be able to get enough of sitting in sidewalk cafes, where young women in cotton dresses pedal by on bikes, like puffy little clouds. Is there a more romantic stroll in all the world than in the Musée d'Orsay, where the Impressionists live?
Most romantic season: April, of course

Sydney

This city knows how to do romance. Not only do its sparkling harbor and miles of smooth beaches make it one of the most beautiful cities on Earth, but the Aussie lifestyle seduces with fun.
Most romantic time to go: November-April



Havana

You can fly across the ocean, but you won't get farther from American ways than the casas and cafes of Old Havana. Breathe the warm sea air as you gaze north, toward a continent that seems as distant as the setting moon.
Most romantic season: March-April

New Orleans

In this poor man's Paris, cabs and covers are cheap, and sensual little courtyards plentiful; there's even the occasional dungeon or two. If you can't have fun in New Orleans, you can't have fun anywhere. Time doesn't just stand still in New Orleans; it disappears. And so can you.
Most romantic season: March-April

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Red dress activists

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NEW YORK Awareness of heart disease, the leading killer of American women, received a boost Wednesday when supermodel Christie Brinkley, singer Gloria Estefan and other stars took to the catwalk in designer red dresses on the eve of New York Fashion Week.

The celebrity models wore designs from Oscar de la Renta, Marchesa, Jason Wu, Donna Karan, Tadashi Shoji, Diane von Furstenberg and Badgley Mischka for the 10th annual Red Dress Collection by The Heart Truth awareness campaign.

Grammy Award-winner Estefan—wearing a gown by Narciso Rodriguez—spoke of the pain heart disease can bring.

"My grandfather died in front of me of a massive heart attack when I was 12, and he had five before that so I know what that's like," she said, adding that she has been eating smaller portions in a bid to stay healthy.

Other models in the Red Dress show included "Dynasty" star Linda Evans, actresses Minka Kelly and Jenna Elfman, "Millionaire Matchmaker" Patti Stanger and Debbie Phelps, who stopped on the catwalk to kiss her son, U.S. Olympic gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps.

Backstage before the show, Brinkley said she had not done much runway modeling during her career, adding: "I know how to walk, I hope. Famous last words."

Of course, when she started down the catwalk to ex-husband Billy Joel's "Uptown Girl" she stumbled, but quickly recovered.

The red dress show coincides with New York Fashion Week, which starts Thursday with some 90 designers showing their fall 2012 collections.


Jenna Elfman
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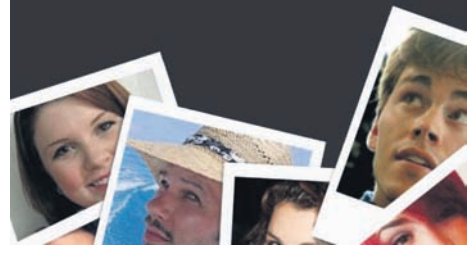
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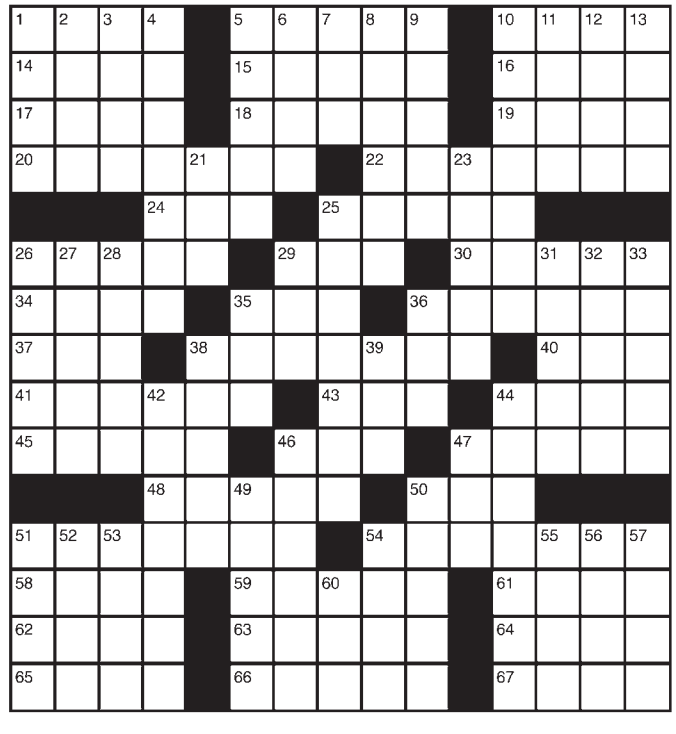
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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1870: The U.S. Weather Bureau was established.
1964: The Beatles made their first live American television appearance, on CBS' "The Ed Sullivan Show."
2008: The shuttle Atlantis, carrying a European-built science lab, docked with the International Space Station.

ACROSS
1 Born in early August
5 Camel's smaller cousin
10 Canyon sound
14 Actress Paquin
15 Review financial books
16 Prison knife
17 Big kitchen appliance
18 Like a wry sense of humor
19 Give a hoot
20 Top number in a blood pressure's meaning
22 Worker
24 Common verb
25 Actor Romero
26 Rub too much
29 Roll of money
30 Unflinching
34 Sharpen
35 Lung contents
36 Get comfy
37 _ Arbor, MI
38 8-limbed sea creature
40 Rin Tin _
41 Slight fault
43 Light brown
44 Veal or venison
45 Liberated
46 _ of; free from
47 Hospital units
48 Relinquished
50 One of the 7 Dwarfs
51 Ongoing, as pain
54 Cure-all
58 Weaver's frame
59 _ Rapids, IA
61 Spill the beans
62 Qualified
63 Proclamation
64 Speak wildly
65 Fawn mothers
66 Fender marks
67 Observed

DOWN
1 Asian nation
2 Jealousy
3 Individuals
4 Capital of New Mexico
5 Soup server
6 Draw; attract
7 Bustle
8 _ around; formed a circle, as a mob
9 Book of maps
10 Chaperones
11 Scorch
12 Employ
13 Above
21 Miner's find
23 1st, 2nd, 3rd and home
25 Neck artery
26 "...separate the wheat from the _..." (Matt. 3)
27 Great respect
28 Long-running show
29 Humor
31 Semi-aquatic mammal
32 Greek epic
33 Pennies
35 Highest heart
36 Religious sister
38 _ times; yore
39 Cushion
42 Turns into
44 Ghoulish
46 Flow back
47 Took the prize
49 Chopped finely
50 Moves quickly
51 _ in; wearing
52 Vagabond
53 Acting part
54 Treaty
55 Adobe, e.g.
56 Roof overhang
57 Still in the sack
60 Continual noise



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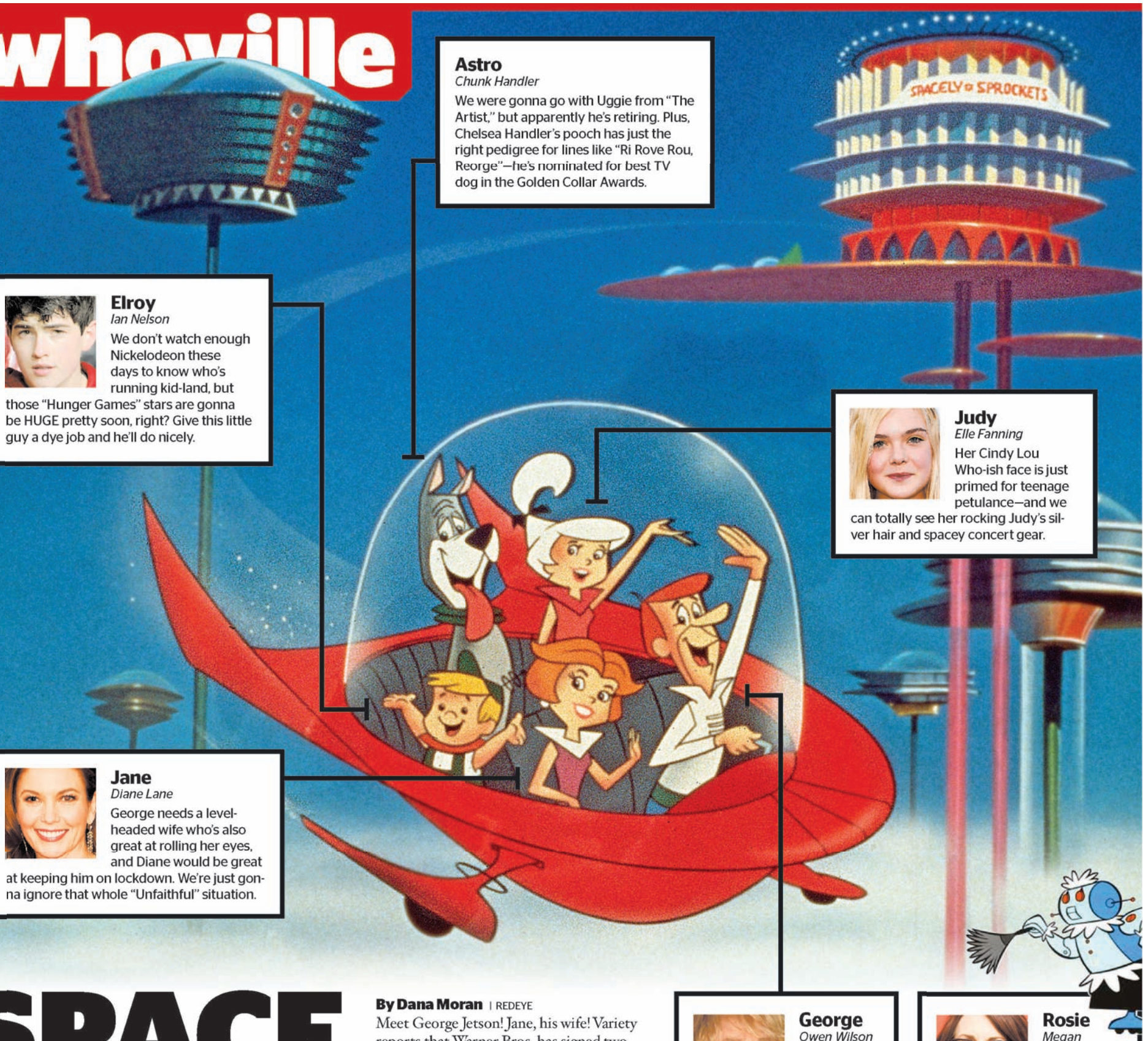
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Chunk Handler
We were gonna go with Uggie from "The Artist," but apparently he's retiring. Plus, Chelsea Handler's pooch has just the right pedigree for lines like "Ri Rove Rou, Reorge"—he's nominated for best TV dog in the Golden Collar Awards.

Elroy
Ian Nelson
We don't watch enough Nickelodeon these days to know who's running kid-land, but those "Hunger Games" stars are gonna be HUGE pretty soon, right? Give this little guy a dye job and he'll do nicely.

Judy
Elle Fanning
Her Cindy Lou Who-ish face is just primed for teenage petulance—and we can totally see her rocking Judy's silver hair and spacey concert gear.

Jane
Diane Lane
George needs a level-headed wife who's also great at rolling her eyes, and Diane would be great at keeping him on lockdown. We're just gonna ignore that whole "Unfaithful" situation.

SPACE BACK

'The Jetsons' are coming to the big screen—who should fill their shoes?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Meet George Jetson! Jane, his wife! Variety reports that Warner Bros. has signed two writers for a live-action adaptation of "The Jetsons," decades after "The Flintstones" escaped from Bedrock into the movies. Other than the fact that Kanye West may be involved (if you believe his Twitter rantings), we don't know a whole lot about the flick. We took a crack at casting this sci-fi phenom—hopefully producers will call us when they figure out that suitcase/spaceship.

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George
Owen Wilson
Even though "Midnight in Paris" was ever-so-slightly more serious than Owen's normal fare, he managed to retain his affably floppy goofiness. Space-aged technology is sure to take that to the next level—as will dealing with his boss, Mr. Spacely.



Rosie
Megan Mullally
Flipping her "Will and Grace" setup, Megan probably would turn manic if faced with household chores. But her ridiculous side would serve her well as the Jetson family's maid—and failing that, she can always call up iPhone's Siri.

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That's when "The Pauly D Project," a spinoff from "Jersey Shore," will premiere on MTV, the network announced Wednesday. The reality show follows the DJ as his music career takes off.





THE DIGIT

2 So much for bad publicity? Fresh off poor reviews of her "Saturday Night Live" performances, Lana Del Rey's debut album, "Born to Die," landed at No. 2 on the Billboard charts this week. Adele and her "21" album continue to dominate the rankings, grabbing the No. 1 spot for the 19th week.

M.I.A. no way!

By now we're used to seeing some strange things in musicians' tour riders, but M.I.A.'s might take the cake. The singer, who already is in the spotlight for flipping the bird at Super Bowl cameras, requests three burqa-clad extras to be onstage during her shows, according to **thesmokinggun.com**. She also requires European cheese, high-speed Internet and a bottle of absinthe. Sounds like an interesting party.



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director joseph

We can't believe the lovable Joseph Gordon-Levitt would ever act like a "selfish [bleep]," but that's the character he'll play when he makes his directing debut in a yet-to-be-named flick. The actor has written a "sexy comedy about a modern-day Don Juan," according to **deadline.com**, and says he's "comfortable and confident" about taking on the director role. The movie also will star Scarlett Johansson.

Crash tested

"Wedding Crashers" buddies Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn may be ready for a delayed honeymoon, **nymag.com** reports. The two are attached to a movie called "Interns," which was written by Vaughn. Wanna guess what it's about? OK, fine. It follows a two corporate guys who lose their jobs and start over as—wait for it—interns in the 20-something world of tech work. Consider us intrigued.



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